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S E C R E T YAOUNDE 0484

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CVIS, CM
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM ON BEHALF OF ETHIOPIAN CITIZEN
THEODRUS HAILE-MESKEL

REF: (A) STATE 13705 (B) YAOUNDE 214 (C) YAOUNDE 200
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1. MESKEL INFORMED VICE CONSUL MORNING OF JAN 30 THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL THAT HE IS TO BE DEPORTED TO ADDIS ABABA TOMORROW, JAN 31. MESKEL MAINTAINS THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE REPATRIATED TO ETHIOPIA AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AVOID BEING SENT HOME. FYI: THERE IS CAMEROON AIRLINES FLIGHT DEPARTING DOUALA 0630 TOMORROW FOR ADDIS. END FYI. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 1500 LOCAL THIS AFTERNOON. CONSULAR OFFICER REQUESTED HIM TO COME TO EMBASSY THEREAFTER. HOWEVER, HE MAY BE DETAINED AND UNABLE INFORM US AS TO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

2. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED, SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS, VERIFY ABOVE INFO WITH UNDP. HOWEVER, ASSUMPTION REFTEL A MAY BE IN ERROR AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE SINCE MESKEL IS IN REASONABLE FEAR OF HIS
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LIFE AND MAY BE LEAVING YAOUNDE AS SOON AS 1600Z THIS AFTERNOON. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IF DEPT. BELIEVES UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND STATE THAT USG HAS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE GURC NOT TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE THIS REQUEST UNTIL OUR GOVERNMENT HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DECISION.

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